UKONS
Oncology Nursing Society

UKONS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
CANCER CARE IN THE DIGITAL AGE
11-12 NOVEMBER 2022 | ICC, BELFAST

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

UKONS members are invited to submit their abstracts for either a poster and/or an oral presentation. The theme of the conference is 'Cancer Care in the Digital Age'. The abstracts are to be submitted in one of the following categories:

- **Supportive cancer care in the digital age**
- **Communicating with patients in modern cancer care**
- **The future of acute cancer care**

Oral presentations and/or posters will be accepted that report original work relating to innovation to improve cancer patient experience and outcomes. The presenter should be involved in the original work.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three poster presentations as well as a prize for the best abstract by a YCN or Early Career Nurse. The author(s) should submit an abstract to Media1 Productions by 5pm on **Friday 29 July 2022**. Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee and chosen author(s) will be invited to display their posters at the conference.

Abstracts will be assessed for acceptability against the following criteria:

1. Abstracts should relate to the authors' own work, **it is a condition of acceptance that at least one of the authors attends the face-to-face conference as a registered delegate.**

2. The contribution should relate to original work in cancer nursing and will normally be a report of: a) a completed piece of work, or b) work in progress with completion planned in time to allow outcomes to be reported in the presentation.

3. If the work has been presented or submitted for prior presentation elsewhere, this should be made clear in the submission and the UKONS Board reserves the right to reject any such submission.

Please note if your abstract has been accepted, it is expected for you to register for the conference in person at your own expense.

Please note the following guidelines:

Abstract Structure
Abstract should include:
Background, Methods, Results, Conclusion, References
All abstracts are subject to blind review so no identifying features such as locations or names of institutions should be included in the main text.
Word Count
Maximum of 300 words plain text (no tables or figures) in the abstract box. This does not include the title or references. It is suggested that the abstract is prepared in Word first and a word count performed as the electronic submission software will not accept more than 300 words.
Title
This should describe the work as concisely as possible. This is the first opportunity to catch the attention of the audience.
Background - *Why was the work done?*
This should be relatively short (two or three sentences), providing the key information that the reader needs to know to understand the project. Consider
- What is known about the subject
- Any knowledge gaps
- Why is this project important?
This section should ideally conclude with the aim of the project. Having caught the reader's attention this should spark their interest in the work.
Methods - *What was done?*
Enough detail should be provided to allow the reader to understand what was done and assess the quality of the methods. The details to include may depend on the type of work being reported:
- Research: design, sample, setting, procedures, data collection & analysis
- Quality Improvement: approach, evaluation methods, data collection & analysis
- Education: theoretical basis, evaluation methods, data collection & analysis
- Evidence synthesis/Literature review: selection process, quality assessment, data extraction & data synthesis
Results - *What was found?*
Provide a concise summary of your findings but with the appropriate level of detail. Qualitative data will need to be summarised but detail should be

provided for quantitative data e.g. confidence intervals. Include negative findings. The audience will want to know as much detail as possible in this section.
Conclusion - *What does this mean?*
Sum up you're the key message in one or two sentences. What does the work mean for practice/education/policy/research? What has your work added to the area of interest? This is the part that may be read before the background, methods and results so is another opportunity to grab the audience's attention.
References
A maximum of four references should be entered into the box provided during the online submission process. Abstracts without references will not be accepted for review.

Example abstracts and poster presentations are available on the UKONS Research MIG webpage.
Submission process
1. Please submit your abstract online by going to www.ukons.org
2. Complete the online form. You will be asked in separate drop-down boxes for the following:
    - Abstract title
    - Primary author and names of co-authors
    - Place of work and department
    - Job title
    - Address
    - Telephone number and email
    - Submission can be for poster and/or oral presentation
    - Abstract body (maximum of 300 words)
    - References
    - Abstract category (as per above)
    - Has your abstract been presented or submitted for prior presentation elsewhere?
    - Is the primary author a 'Young Cancer Nurse' (YCN) under the age of 35 or within their first two years of their cancer nursing career?
    - Agree for inclusion in the electronic abstract book
3. Abstracts which do not meet the above requirements or are deemed not to be of an acceptable overall standard will not be accepted.

4. The deadline for receipt by Media1 Productions of completed abstracts is **5pm on Friday 29 July 2022.**
5. The conference committee reserves the right to restrict acceptance of posters/ oral presentations describing work carried out primarily in, or by members working in, the pharmaceutical industry.
6. The conference committee reserves the right to reject any submission which is deemed not to meet the specified criteria or to be in any way incompatible with the overall objectives of UKONS and/or the meeting itself. Individual decisions will not be discussed.
7. All authors will receive an acknowledgment confirming receipt of abstract and will be informed by 2 September whether their abstract has been accepted for presentation. If a notification is not received, please contact ukons@media1productions.co.uk, otherwise you risk your entry not being accepted for inclusion in the conference programme.
8. Submissions chosen for an oral presentation on Friday 11 November will be informed by 2 September (names and presentation titles will appear on the final programme).
9. All successful entrants will be eligible for the early bird conference discount.
Judging of best abstracts
All abstracts will be subject to blind review by two reviewers allocating a score for each. Reviewers will be required to declare any conflict of interest and may not assess those abstracts. The conference committee will then select abstracts from each theme for oral presentation at the conference. The three streams will run concurrently on Friday 11 November. Abstracts will be scored on the following criteria:
- Theoretical basis
- Relevance to/implications for practice
- Clarity of writing and clarity of presentation
Awards
During the conference attendees will be able to vote for their favourite poster. Prizes will be awarded to the three posters with the most votes. The conference committee will also select the best abstract presented by a YCN or Early Career Nurse. Prizes will be announced on Saturday 12 November.